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FY 2006 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply for the FY 2006 TSGP Program?

The Governor of each state and territory has designated a State Administrative Agency (SAA) to apply for and administer funds from DHS. Accordingly, the relevant SAA is the only agent eligible to apply for the funds identified in this program announcement. Individual rail, intracity bus, and ferry transit systems servicing FY 2006 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions who are eligible to receive pass-through funds from the SAA are identified in Attachment 1 to this document.

What are the FY 2006 UASI jurisdictions?

46 total UASI Areas in 26 States and the District of Columbia.

Phoenix, AZ	Twin Cities, MN
Anaheim/Santa Ana, CA	Kansas City, MO
Bay Area, CA	St. Louis, MO
Los Angeles/Long Beach, CA	Charlotte, NC
Sacramento, CA	Omaha, NE
San Diego, CA	Jersey City/Newark, NJ
Denver, CO	Las Vegas, NV
National Capital Region	Buffalo, NY
Ft. Lauderdale, FL	New York City, NY
Jacksonville, FL	Cincinnati, OH
Miami, FL	Cleveland, OH
Orlando, FL	Columbus, OH
Tampa, FL	Toledo, OH
Atlanta, GA	Oklahoma City, OK
Honolulu, HI	Portland, OR
Chicago, IL	Philadelphia, PA
Indianapolis, IN	Pittsburgh, PA
Louisville, KY	Memphis, TN
Baton Rouge, LA	Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX
New Orleans, LA	Houston, TX
Boston, MA	San Antonio, TX
Baltimore, MD	Seattle, WA
Detroit, MI	Milwaukee, WI

How much funding is available for the FY 2006 TSGP Program?

A total of \$136,045,000 is allocated for the FY2006 TSGP.

How does an eligible applicant apply for the FY 2006 TSGP?

Applicants must apply for FY 2006 TSGP funding through Grants.gov system at <http://www.grants.gov>.

What is the deadline for FY 2006 TSGP applications to be submitted?

The deadline for the FY 2006 TSGP is August 4, 2006.

How does an eligible applicant obtain assistance applying for the FY 2006 TSGP in the grants management system?

The GMS Help Desk can be reached at 1-888-549-9901 or ojp@ojp.usdoj.gov. Applicants can also review the on-line training support at <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/gmsHelp/index.html>.

In FY 2005, ferry systems were required to participate in a competitive process in order to receive funding. Is this process the same in FY 2006?

No. The ferry portion of the FY 2006 TSGP will not be a competitive process. In FY 2006, the ferry systems will receive an allocation based on risk-based prioritization consistent with DHS policy.

Are applicants required to develop a budget worksheet in Excel or is there a template for the budget worksheet available?

No. The FY 2006 TSGP will use risk-based prioritization consistent with DHS policy. The Intracity Rail and Bus Grants will be awarded using a two tiered approach. Grants will be awarded in the first tier to regions, and the regions will have 90 days afterward to submit detailed project plans to TSA for approval. Systems in the first tier may submit project plans as either regions or individual agencies. First tier regions are identified in Attachment 1. Project plans for Tier 1 systems will be evaluated on the following factors:

- Ability to reduce risk of catastrophic events;,,
- Overall effect on regional transit security;
- Cost effectiveness to include leveraging additional resources; and
- Ability to complete the proposed project within the proposed timeframes.

Grants for Tier 2 systems will be competitively awarded based on the following factors:

- Ability to reduce risk;
- Cost effectiveness to include leveraging additional resources; and
- Ability to complete the proposed project within the timeframes.

The following method of selection will be used to evaluate Tier 2 system projects:

1. Rail and Bus agencies will submit concept papers for consideration. These concept papers will be submitted through grants.gov.
2. Concept papers will be reviewed and scored by a Federal Interagency Working Group consisting of TSA, FTA, and the DHS Office of Grants and Training (G&T);
3. Projects that are accepted will be required to complete full project applications;
4. The Preparedness Directorate in conjunction with TSA will verify compliance with each of the administrative and eligibility criteria identified in the application kit;
5. TSA will review the Federal Interagency Working Group recommendations and make final selections for funding. TSA will brief all appropriate agencies on the final selections to ensure consensus and address any remaining issues.

In considering project plans for Tier I submissions, and concept papers for Tier II submissions, preference in awarding grants will be given to regions and agencies that propose providing matching funds or operations assets. DHS plans to implement a matching grant program, similar to the port security program, for all FY 2007 transit grants.

Will the budgets that are submitted with the applications need to be final?

No. Please see answers to prior question.

Are organizations that have received grants in the last three years from G&T required to complete the financial capability questionnaire?

In accordance with the FY 2006 TSGP Program Guideline and Application Kit, "All nongovernmental (non-profit and commercial) organizations that apply for funding with G&T that have not previously (or within the last 3 years) received funding from G&T must complete the Accounting System and Financial Capability Questionnaire. The required form can be found at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/oc>. This information may be provided using one of the attachment fields within the on-line GMS application."

Do activities under the FY 2006 TSGP fall under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements?

G&T must analyze the potential environmental impacts, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for projects being considered for Federal funding. The purpose of the NEPA review is to weigh the impact of major Federal actions (such as security enhancements) on elements such as adjacent communities, water supplies, historical buildings or culturally sensitive areas prior to construction.

Projects recommended for funding are required to provide additional detailed information on the activities to be conducted, locations, sites, possible construction activities, and any environmental concerns that may exist. Successful applicants will be contacted to complete the NEPA checklist immediately following the issuance of the Notice of Grant Award. The checklist will be reviewed by the Office of Grants and Training Environmental Officer for compliance. Results of the NEPA

Compliance Review could result in the delay of project implementation or a project not being approved for funding.

Please be advised that projects cannot commence, nor can project costs be incurred, until NEPA compliance has been approved. Upon approval of the NEPA checklist, the G&T Program Manager will issue a Grant Adjustment Notice.

ATTACHMENT 1: TSGP ELIGIBILITY LIST

Rail:

State	Urban Area	FY 2006 Regional Allocation	Eligible System	Eligible Mode
CA	Bay Area	\$8.4M	Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board	Commuter Rail
			SF Bay Area Rapid Transit District	Heavy Rail
			Altamont Commuter Express Authority	Commuter Rail
			Santa Clara Valley Trans Authority	Light Rail
			San Francisco Municipal Railway	Light Rail, Other Rail (CC)
	Greater Los Angeles Area (Los Angeles/Long Beach and Anaheim/Santa Ana UASI Areas)	\$4.0M	Southern CA Regional Rail Authority	Commuter Rail
			LA County Metro Transp. Authority	Heavy Rail, Light Rail
	Sacramento	Tier 2	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Light Rail
	San Diego	Tier 2	North San Diego County Transit District	Commuter Rail
			San Diego Trolley, Inc.	Light Rail
CO	Denver	Tier 2	Regional Transportation District	Light Rail
DC/MD/VA ¹	Greater National Capital Region (NCR and Baltimore UASI Areas)	\$13.0M	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	Heavy Rail
			VA Railway Express	Commuter Rail
			Maryland Transit Administration	Commuter Rail, Heavy Rail, Light Rail
FL	Jacksonville	Tier 2	Jacksonville Transportation Authority	Other Rail (AG)
	Miami/Fort Lauderdale	Tier 2	Tri-County Commuter Rail	Commuter Rail
			Miami-Dade Transit Agency	Heavy Rail, Other Rail (AG)
GA	Atlanta	\$2.0M	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority	Heavy Rail
IL/IN ²	Chicago	\$11.0M	NE Ill Reg Commuter Rail	Commuter Rail
			Chicago Transit Authority	Heavy Rail
			No. Indiana Commuter Transp. Dist	Commuter Rail
LA	New Orleans	Tier 2	New Orleans Regional Transit Authority	Light Rail
MA	Boston	\$9.6M	Massachusetts Bay Transp. Authority	Commuter Rail, Heavy Rail, Light Rail
MI	Detroit	Tier 2	Detroit Transportation Corp	Other Rail (AG)
MN	Twin Cities Area	Tier 2	Metro Transit	Light Rail
MO	Saint Louis	Tier 2	Bi-State Development Agency	Light Rail
NY	Buffalo	Tier 2	Niagara Frontier Transp. Authority	Light Rail
NY/NJ/CT ³	New York City/Jersey City/Newark	\$47.0M	Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Heavy Rail, Commuter Rail
			Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	Heavy Rail
			New Jersey Transit Corporation	Light Rail, Commuter Rail
			CT Department of Transportation	Commuter Rail

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OH	Cleveland	Tier 2	Greater Cleveland Regional Trans Auth	Heavy Rail, Light Rail
OR	Portland	Tier 2	Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District	Light Rail
PA	Pittsburgh	Tier 2	Cambria County Transit Authority	Other Rail (IP)
			Port Authority of Allegheny County	Light Rail, Other Rail (IP)
PA/NJ ⁴	Philadelphia	\$8.0M	PA Dept of Transportation	Commuter Rail
			Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	Commuter Rail, Heavy Rail, Light Rail
			Port Authority Transit Corp	Heavy Rail
			New Jersey Transit Corporation	Commuter Rail
TN	Memphis	Tier 2	Memphis Area Transit Authority	Light Rail
TX	Dallas/Fort Worth/Arlington	Tier 2	Dallas Area Rapid Transit	Light Rail
			Trinity Railway Express	Commuter Rail
	Houston	Tier 2	Metropolitan Transit Auth. Of Harris County	Light Rail
WA	Seattle	Tier 2	Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority	Commuter Rail, Light Rail

Intracity Bus:

State	Urban Area	FY 2006 Regional Allocation	Eligible System
AZ	Phoenix	Tier 2	Regional Public Transportation Authority
			City of Phoenix Public Transit Department
CA	Bay Area	\$2.1M	AC Transit
			Golden Gate Bridge, Hwy & Transportation Authority
			San Francisco Bay Municipal Transportation Authority
			Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
			Central Contra Costa Transit Authority
			San Mateo County Transit Authority
			Caltrans (Transbay Bus Terminal)
	Greater Los Angeles Area (Los Angeles/Long Beach and Anaheim/Santa Ana UASI Areas)	\$2.2M	LA County Metro Transportation Auth
			Orange County Transportation Authority
			City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation
			Foothill Transit
			Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus
			Long Beach Transit
	San Diego	Tier 2	San Diego Transit Corp
			North San Diego County Transit District
CO	Denver	Tier 2	Regional Transportation District
DC/MD/VA ⁵	Greater National Capital Region (NCR and Baltimore UASI Areas)	\$1.3M	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
			Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation
			Prince George's County Dept. of Public Works & Transportation
			City of Alexandria - Alexandria Transit Co.
			Fairfax County Dept. of Transportation
			Potomac & Rappahannock Transportation Commission
			Maryland Transit Administration

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State	Urban Area	FY 2006 Regional Allocation	Eligible System
FL	Miami/Fort Lauderdale	Tier 2	Miami-Dade Transit Agency
			Broward County Division of Mass Transit
GA	Atlanta	Tier 2	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority
			GA Regional Transportation Authority
HI	Honolulu	Tier 2	City & County of Honolulu DOT Services
IL/IN ⁶	Chicago	\$1.5M	Chicago Transit Authority
			Pace Suburban Bus
LA	New Orleans	Tier 2	New Orleans Regional Transit Authority
			Jefferson Parish Department of Transportation
MA	Boston	\$1.0M	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
MI	Detroit	Tier 2	Detroit Department of Transportation
			Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation
MN	Twin Cities	Tier 2	Metro Transit
MO	St. Louis	Tier 2	Bi-State Development Agency
			Madison County Transit District (IL)
NV	Las Vegas	Tier 2	Regional Transportation Commission of Southern NV
NY/NJ/CT ⁷	New York City/Jersey City/Newark	\$5.5M	Metropolitan Transportation Authority
			New Jersey Transit Corporation
			Westchester County Department of Transportation
			Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ Manhattan Bus Terminals)
OR	Portland	Tier 2	Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District
			Clark County Public Transp. Benefit Area Auth. Corp.
OH	Cincinnati	Tier 2	Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority
	Cleveland	Tier 2	Transit Authority of Northern KY
PA	Pittsburgh	Tier 2	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
			Port Authority of Allegheny County
PA/NJ ⁸	Philadelphia	\$1.4M	Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority
			New Jersey Transit Corporation
TX	Dallas/Forth Worth/Arlington	Tier 2	Dallas Rapid Area Transit
			Ft. Worth Transportation Authority
	Houston	Tier 2	Metropolitan Transit Auth. Of Harris County
			Island Transit
	San Antonio	Tier 2	VIA Metro Transit
WA	Seattle	Tier 2	King County Dept of Transportation
			Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority Corporation
			Snohomish County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority Corporation
WI	Milwaukee	Tier 2	Milwaukee County Transit System

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Ferry:

State	Urban Area	FY 2006 Regional Allocation	Eligible System
CA	Bay Area	\$0.7M	Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District
			Blue & Gold Fleet (City of Alameda Ferry Services)
			City of Vallejo Transportation Program
LA	New Orleans	\$0.3M	Louisiana Department of Transportation – Crescent City Connection
MA	Boston	\$0.4M	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
NY/NJ ⁹	New York City	\$1.3M	New York City Department of Transportation
			Port Authority of Trans Hudson Corporation
TX	Houston	\$0.3M	Texas DOT (Bolivar Roads Ferry)
WA	Seattle	\$2.0M	Washington State Ferries

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